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SUBJECT:U.S. GRAIN CROPS FORECAST

PASS TO AMBASSADOR EDWIN M. MARTIN

1. CORN--PRODUCTION FORECAST AT 4,966 MILLION BUSHEL IS
12 PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR, BUT FOURTH LARGEST OF RECORD.
YIELD AT 77.8 BUSHEL DOWN SHARPLY FROM LAST YEAR'S 91.4.

2. SORGHUM GRAIN--PRODUCTION FORECAST AT 619 MILLION
BUSHEL, 34 PERCENT LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S RECORD CROP AND
24 PERCENT LESS THAN 1972. YIELDS EXPECTED TO AVERAGE 45.6
BUSHEL.

3. FEED GRAINS-- PRODUCTION OF CORN, SORGHUM, OATS AND
BARLEY COMBINED IS FORECAST AT 175 MILLION TONS, 15 PER-
CENT LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

4. WINTER WHEAT--PRODUCTION IS FORECAST AT A RECORD 1,393
MILLION BUSHEL, 10 PERCENT ABOVE THE PREVIOUS HIGH SET
LAST YEAR AND 18 PERCENT ABOVE 1972. INCREASE DUE SHARP
INCREASE IN HARVESTED ACREAGE OF 46.7 MILLION ACRES, UP
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21 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR.

5. DURUM WHEAT--PRODUCTION IS FORECAST AT 85.3 MILLION BUSHEL, BARELY ABOVE 1973 CROP. YIELDS OFF SHARPLY DUE

DRY WEATHER. OTHER SPRING WHEAT FORECAST AT 361 MILLION BUSHEL, 1 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR'S CROP. THE 14 PERCENT DECLINE FROM JULY 11 FORECAST RESULT OF UNUSUALLY DRY WEATHER.

6. ALL WHEAT--FORECAST PRODUCTION OF 1,840 MILLION BUSHEL IS UP 8 PERCENT OR 128 MILLION BUSHEL FROM 1973 BUT IS 4 PERCENT LESS THAN THE JULY 1 FORECAST. WINTER, DURUM AND OTHER SPRING WHEATS ALL SHOWED DECLINES FROM LAST MONTH.

7. FOOD GRAINS--PRODUCTION OF WHEAT, RYE AND RICE COLLECTIVELY ARE EXPECTED TO TOTAL 61 MILLION TONS, 8 PERCENT MORE THAN 1973.

8. SOYBEANS--THE FIRST ESTIMATE THIS SEASON FOR SOYBEAN PRODUCTION IS 1,314 MILLION BUSHEL, 16 PERCENT OR 252 MILLION BUSHEL BELOW LAST YEAR'S RECORD OUTPUT. KISSINGER

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